METRO / A18

DPWH gives billboard owner in Guadalupe till Friday to take it down

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Sharapova, Clijsters struggle into Australian Open semifinals

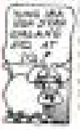
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Israeli president faces charges for rape, widespread calls for him to resign

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'Dreamgirls' tops Oscar bets with 8 nominations but shut out of Best Picture

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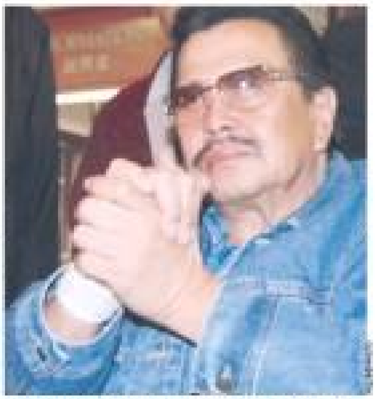
THE SINGER: Atong Ang

Ang cuts bargain with prosecutor on ₱130-M tax kickback

By Norman Bordadora

THE ESTRADA DEFENSE TEAM had no inkling that the prosecution had a coup.

Ang offers Corinthian mansion as payment



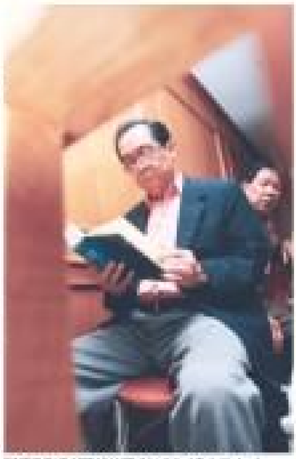
EX-PRESIDENT Joseph Estrada

Erap: I'm the last man standing for the truth

By Norman Bordadora

5 activists killed in Bicol

Judge orders Leviste case reinvestigated



FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Bush seeks US Congress support; Democrats defiant

WEATHER FORECAST

UNO defends 'dynastyism'

STUNG BY FORMER SEN. FRANcisco Tatad's criticism against its decision to field family members of incumbent senators in the senatorial elections in May, the United Opposition (UNO) yesterday said the issue of political dynasties was not crucial in the race for the legislature.

Palace backs shelving of House wage increase bill



FORMER SENATORS Vicente "Tito" Sotto III and Teresa Aquino-Oreta take their oath before Rizal Rep. Jack Duavit, secretary general of the Nationalist People's Coalition, as new members of the NPC. Looking on is NPC president Frisco San Juan.

Sotto, Oreta bolt LDP, join NPC

Chavit misses Jinggoy in Senate 'raid'

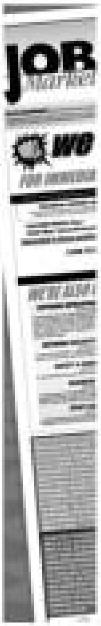


CHAVIT'S CHARGE. Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, escorted by an entourage of bodyguards, marches into the Senate to confront Sen. Jinggoy Estrada on his privilege speech Tuesday assailing the failure of the government to charge Singson of several graft charges.

Ebdane says he's willing to take top Defense post

GMA to promote Asean cause as she heads for Davos forum







Bush speech on Iraq draws int'l criticism



Bush seeks US Congress support; Democrats defiant





Bracing for rebuke

Reaching out

Republicans divided

Customary

Palace sees release of 24 RP seamen soon

Temporary ban

Assurance

Safe and unharmed

Repatriation ruled out



Corrections

Top Bush aide arrives for visit

By Nikko Dizon and Julie S. Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao



HUGHES

Senate, House OK budget at bicam

WWF seeks deeper probe of Chinese poachers

The Daily Gospel

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Conversion of St. Paul

Judge orders Leviste case reinvestigated



Prejudgment

'Not my conscience'

What really happened

Crime scene inspection

5 activists killed in Bicol

Shot in front of 2-yr-old son

Bayan Muna appeal

Circumstantial evidence

An ordinary farmer

Political EQ 101: How to win an election

Erap high EQ

Know the audience

Making jingles

No overkill in Iloilo, PNP probe team says

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.

THERE WAS NO "OVERKILL" BY LAW enforcers in the Iloilo incident and police used "reasonable response" in dealing with supporters of Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas Jr.

Far from being an overkill

Daily passageway

No single shot fired

Temporary water interruption in Quezon City, San Juan, Mandaluyong and Manila needed to upgrade facilities

Manila Water is currently upgrading its distribution lines and facilities to improve the distribution of water in the East Zone. We regret that there will be two temporary water supply interruptions. The first interruption is due to the calibration of supply and pressure of mainlines. The temporary cutoff will start 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2007, up to 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 26. Areas affected portions will be: Barangays Kabayanan, Maytunas, Sta. Lucia, Addition Hills, Batis, Tibagan and Onse in San Juan; Barangays Ilaya Bakal, Bagong Silang, Hagdang Bato Itaas, Hagdang Bato Libis, Barangka, Hulo, Namayan, Poblacion, New Zañiga, San Jose, Mabini J. Rizal, Old Zañiga, Vergara, Hulo, Plainview and Barangka in Mandaluyong City and Barangays 882 to 905, Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila.

Meanwhile, there will be a second interruption which will affect portions of Quezon City starting 10:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25, up to 6:00 a.m., Friday, January 26. The temporary cutoff is due to the installation of a large new valve at the Cubao Pumping Station. Affected areas will be: Kamuning, Horseshoe District, Sacred Heart, Laging Handa, Pinagkaisahan, Obrero, South Triangle, Project 2, Project 3, East Kamias, West Kamias, and Pinahan.

Manila Water Company advises all residents of the said areas to store enough water prior to the scheduled interruptions to avoid inconvenience.

Manila Water

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Atong sings, junks Erap





Surprised

Strong case

Hearsay

Weak

No coercion

Erap: I'm the last man standing for the truth

Other witnesses

Ang offers Corinthian mansion as payment





TIMELINE

The rise and fall of Atong Ang

Chavit: That would seal Erap's fate





IN THE KNOW

What is plea bargaining?

The money trail

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OPINION

Subversion

EDITORIAL

TWO OF THE MOST SHOPWORN PHRASES CONcerning government are "timing is everything" and "all politics is local." [illegible]

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A mixed bag

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

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Opposition

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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Tatad blasts 'family park'

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



Abbé Pierre

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



The amazing race

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



Breakfast clubs

YOUNG BLOOD

Yvette Tan

NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS:

THEY SAID

Catching up

One way to prove PCGG's sincerity to help farmers

Free trade to expose our country's weaknesses

Sellout was not surprising but it was infuriating

Implications of that 'Moment of Glory'

A race equal to all others

LGUs to blame for clogged streets

Breeding ground for tyrants

The ad interim appointee

COMMENTARY

Fr. Ranhilio Callangan Aquino

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Out-of-school youths learn computers

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Lucena City

IT WAS NOT THE usual graduation ceremony for 47 people, mostly out-of-school youths, who completed a three-month basic computer course on the outskirts of Lucena City in Quezon in December last year.



MEMBERS of the latest batch of students try the keyboards during a session of the free computer course in Lucena City.

'Contract'

Personal fund

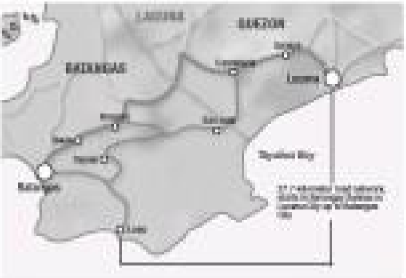
> The three-month period is not solely devoted to computer learning, but also values formation

'Tales' program

Highway to boost tourism in Quezon beach areas

A P700-MILLION COASTAL ROAD PROJECT along the Tayabas Bay will link Quezon and Batangas provinces to boost tourism and industrial activities in Southern Luzon.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr.



Across the NATION

Cops pressured to allow 'jueteng'

Some politicians using STL as gambling front

LUCENA CITY—DESPERATE FOR CASH FOR their election campaign war chest, some unidentified incumbent politicians in Quezon province have been forcing local police to allow the operations of the illegal numbers game "jueteng" in the guise of small-town lottery.

Operators

Connections



NO REST

Marines' return sparks fears of rights abuses

Farmers ask gov't to finance traditional rice, corn types



Gov't wants to get 62-ha Escalante land

Negros Or. co-op cuts electricity rates again

Escaped inmate named 1 of gunmen in slaying of vice mayor, 2 men



CURIOSITY

NBI files raps vs 2 drug gang members for murder plot

Assassination attempt

Murder case

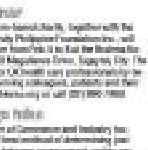
ROUNDUP

Davao cops told to solve killings

NPA rebels kill 1 in Agusan

Village chief gunned down

Benefit shows for Chin Chin in Baguio



GUTIERREZ

Free health care seminar

Traders speak on wage hike

Kids take center stage at Marinduque feast



THE ORIGINAL

Indian lender seized, freed for ₱900,000

Business concern

Indian gangsters

'This syndicate likes to target undocumented Indian businessmen...'

SPORTS

Suns ground 'Phoenix of East'

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Beermen trip Barako in Game 1

THERE WAS RUST, SURE, BUT it takes more than just creaky, un-oiled limbs to keep a powerhouse team like San Miguel down.

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Late Sports

More stories on A21 to 24

Aplus METRO

Montalban dump reopened to avert crisis

Turf issue awaits resolution, but mayor insists on control of site



Electronic ad given deadline by DPWH, or else …

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Pasig rotunda repair work causes jam

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Fire in QC leaves 150 families homeless

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Safe place

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RP couples dare Hungary's best to kissing match to reclaim title

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METROBRIEFS

Smoke scares mall visitors

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Miss SMHS '07 search on

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Don Bosco High Batch '82 reunion

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North Korea hints at flexibility in nuke talks

Thousands at funeral of slain journalist



Libby was set up to protect Rove, says lawyer at trial



LIBBY

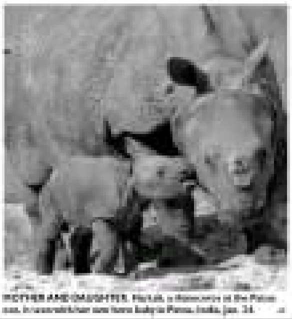
Ethiopian troops begin pullout from Mogadishu

WorldBriefs

Hijacker seizes Sudan plane

3 Americans killed in Iraq

Suicide blast kills 10



DNA evidence frees man after 22 years in prison

The WORLD

Deadly clashes mar Lebanon strike

BEIRUT—THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 133 wounded in factional fighting in Lebanon Tuesday as opposition protestors staged a nationwide strike, blocking roads with burning tires in the latest show of force aimed at ousting the Western-backed government.

LEBANON STRIKE



Bush seeks 20% cuts in gasoline use

Israeli president faces indictment for rape



KATSAV

Ex-VP Al Gore 'thrilled' by Oscar nominations



GORE



PBA and NBA stories on A16.

SPORTS

WHAT'S INSIDE



Life takes a golden turn for driven Joan Tipon /A22



Murakami leads 20 'rabbits' to RP Open /A23



Sharapova, Clijsters struggle to advance /A24

SBP close to getting Fiba nod



COACH Chot Reyes (left) with members of the national training pool just before the FIBA halted their training last year.

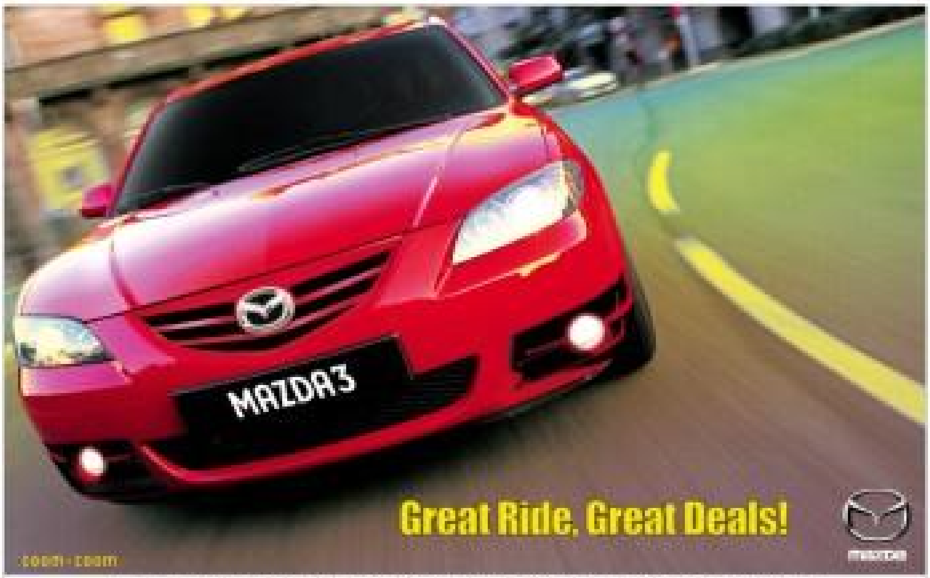
DETERMINED TO BRING THE NATIONAL DRIBBLERS swiftly back to the international arena, the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas said yesterday that it is close to completing the requirements for the lifting of the country's suspension by the international basketball federation, Fiba.

There's a flaw in unity process—BAP



TAN





Bautista faces tough Colombian Feb. 24

Villa Anita-Quezon joins NBC

2 more PBL Silver Cup tiffs set today

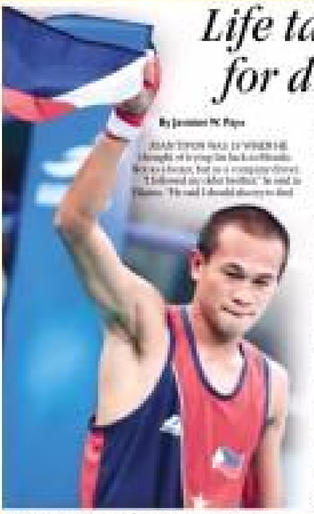


Is Pacquiao running for GenSan mayor?

IN HUDDLE



Life takes a golden turn for driven Joan Tipon



Road to Olympics: Solid start for beach volleyball darlings

By Marc Anthony Reyes



Canlubang sweep seen in PAL Interclub

Bill Shaw golf gets under way

Medina, De Guzman prevail

73 fights in Las Piñas derby



Murakami leads 20 'rabbits' to RP Open

SPORTS

Sharapova, Clijsters struggle to advance

Upset ax fells Nadal, Davydenko

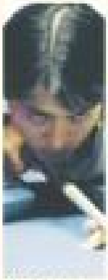


MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—KIM CLIJSTERS, STARTING HER farewell tour, long has been a crowd favorite at Melbourne Park.

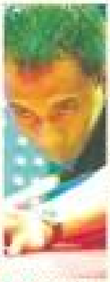
Last break

Hingis: 'I don't ever want to see Kim again'

Taiwanese pool shark wants a piece of Orcollo



YANG: ...



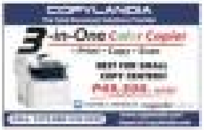
ORCOLLO: Local king

Most feared

Yang's fury

Milo hopes young athletes give track stars run for their money





BUSINESS



Neda says economy grew 5.3-5.6% in '07

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Stocks surge 1.42%

Typhoons cut farm output growth to 3.8-4%

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, AS measured by the gross domestic product, likely grew anywhere between 5.3 and 5.6 percent in 2006, according to the latest estimates by the National Economic and Development Authority.



MWSS CONCESSION TURNOVER

Consumer confidence in RP up, says ACNielsen



Robinsons Land posts 40% jump in 2006 profit to ₱1.72B

Plans new malls, BPO offices

Highlands Prime starts new Tagaytay project



HPI expects to earn as much as P1.8 billion in gross [illegible] from sales of the entire Woodridge Park project.

Farmer in the deal

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

World's 4th largest economy said to grow 10.5%

Thailand risks losing property to RP, Malaysia

Asia stocks lifted by firmer oil prices

Rising base metals prices also boosted commodities-related stocks



Bush urges Americans to cut gasoline use by 20%

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Stocks . . .

Neda says economy grew . . .

BUSINESS

Gov't generated ₱4B from sale of assets in '06

Lots sold included prime real estate in Japan, IS property



LIFE ON THE SLOW LANE A girl sells ripe mangoes under the Sta. Mesa bridge in Manila. Romulo Neri of the National Economic and Development Authority is urging banks to lend money to small traders so that the economic gains of the country will trickle down to the masses.

Pre-bidding for Manila thermal plant draws 9 groups

Budget carrier Cebu Pacific sees growth of passenger traffic in '07

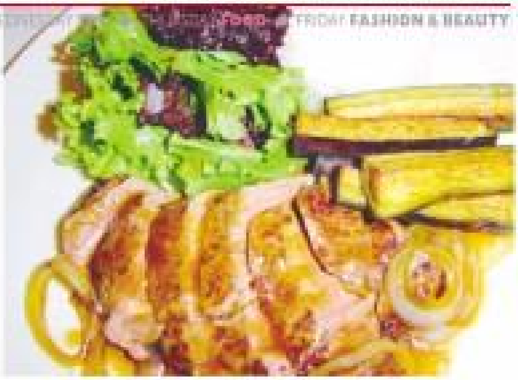
BPI sees peso to hit 46:$1, 91-day T-bills slide to 3%

WHAT'S INSIDE

Consumers ask: Who will enforce regulations in Metro Manila? /C3

LIFESTYLE





KITCHEN RESCUE
Reggie Aspiras

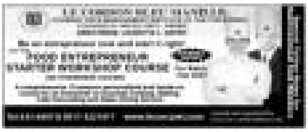
My favorite places for comfort



Swede name, Asian food

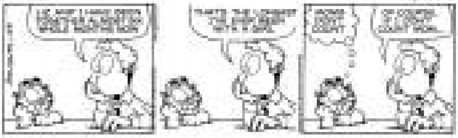
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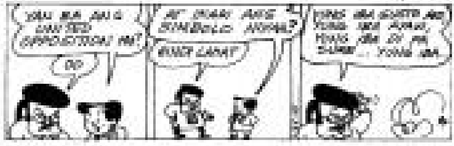




GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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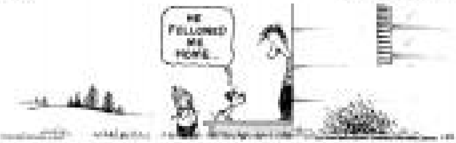
BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



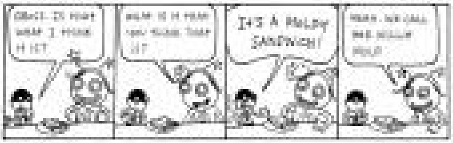
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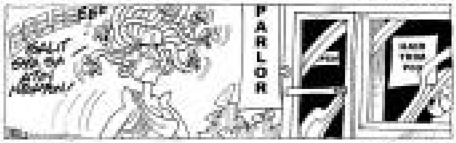
MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL





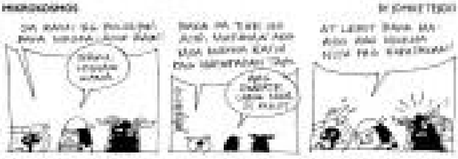


DIVINE COMEDY



KIKO MACHINE



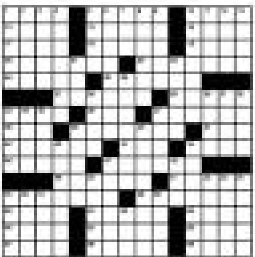


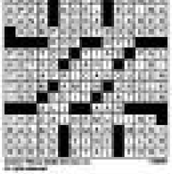
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DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

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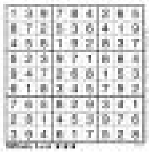
Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



How to make tacos, bagels, cinnamon rolls

THE MAGSAYSAY CULINARY SCHOOL OF Culinary Arts is conducting the following classes: Jan. 26—(Mexican) (all new)—Sirloin Steak Tacos in Soft Tortilla with Guacamole, Beans, Lime and Salsa; Taco Bell-style Chicken Quesadilla, Baja Style Taco de Pescado, Chicken in Mole Sauce served with Baja-style Rice with Beans, Chorizo Rice Served with Mexican Rice, Tortillas, Condiments; Jan. 27—(Cream Cheese) (all new)—Artichoke Dip with Mushroom Puffs, Spinach Chicken with Creamy Tomato Rice, Steaks in Country Pomodoro Sauce with Pesto Potatoes, Sole in Roasted Capsicum Sauce, Swiftly Rich Beef Stroganoff with Homemade Pasta Threads, Best Ever White Chocolate Cheesecake with four Fruit Toppings; Jan. 29—Bagel (all new)—Make your own bagel, four kinds—plain, herbed, wheat, cinnamon raisin; dips of Brie with Grape Jam, Smoked Salmon, Corned Beef Scoops, Peruvian Tuna. to Jan. 31—Cinnamon (all new) 97—Best Ever Sticky Buns, Melt-in-your-mouth Cinnamon Rolls, Macadamia Cinnamon Rolls, Cinnamon Coffee Rolls, Mix and Twist Rolls.

Call [illegible]

THE CONSUMER

Why set rules you cannot enforce?

By Linda B. Bolido

> Drivers of public utility vehicles, including taxis, do not seem to know there are anti-smoking regulations

ON A TRIP TO DAVAO, A SMOKER friend immediately lit up as soon as we stepped out of the airport.

Even before she could take her first puff, people were yelling at us from all directions saying smoking was prohibited. My friend argued that she was in open space, not inside a building.

But, apparently, in Davao you can only smoke in private, not in public.

In Puerto Princesa, airplane cabin crew remind passengers before the plane lands that the city has a very strict anti-littering ordinance. [illegible]

It is obvious that in both cities, people know that local regulations are not paper tigers. Rules are enforced and violators, even visitors, are punished.

Contrast this with the laxity displayed in Metro Manila on similar ordinances.

You wonder why, for instance, there are still anti-littering signs on streets when people obviously do not take them seriously.

As for anti-smoking regulations, we have to be grateful that at least business establishments are complying with them. Drivers of public utility vehicles do not seem to know they exist.

The other day I even saw a driver smoking inside his air-conditioned cab, without bothering to open the windows.

In Makati City, jeepneys have signs where Mayor Jejomar Binay enjoins everyone "[illegible]" And yet, many of the drivers merrily puff away as they ply their routes.

The situation is worse in other parts of Metro Manila.

And taxi drivers do not seem to realize that in air-conditioned vehicles, the smell of cigarette tends to cling to the upholstery, even if you open the windows.

A taxi driver will even allow a passenger to smoke, sometimes even joining him or her.

And wasn't there a Metro Manila regulation requiring drivers to wear at least clean and proper clothes? Many drivers still look like they jumped straight from bed into their vehicles wearing only their undershirts and without bothering with their morning ablution.

Some even look like they slept in their vehicles and plied their routes as soon as they opened their eyes.

So who is in charge of enforcing rules in Metro Manila? Why can local governments in Davao, Puerto Princesa and other places enforce ordinances while the National Capital Region cannot? Why enact ordinances that you cannot enforce?

Metro Manila local governments may have enacted several good ordinances but, unless they can enforce them, the rules are not worth the paper they are printed on.

Feedback

Rep. Joseph A. Santiago says he will look into the lack of a provision in the Consumer Code on the right of a consumer to return or exchange purchases (Jan. 18 issue). "If necessary, I will propose new legislation hopefully in the next Congress that will open in July."

Consumers' choice

Meanwhile, 2006 was an award-winning year for Citibank Philippines. It was named Outstanding Consumer Bank and Best Consumer Internet Bank, and received the Consumers' Choice Award for Outstanding Products and Services from local and global organizations.

For the third straight year, the country's largest foreign bank was named Best Consumer Internet Bank in the country by the New York-based Global Finance magazine.

Citibank Philippines was also cited as the Most Outstanding Consumer Bank by Consumers' League of the Philippines Foundation Inc. during the 2006 Consumers' Choice Annual Awards.

Then the Consumers Union of the Philippines named it Outstanding Consumer Bank for 2005-2006.

Tip

Here's a suggestion from the book "Gardening Magic" by Amy Bowen for those having problems with ants:

"Sprinkle Johnson's Baby Powder wherever ants are marching. Ants will not walk through baby powder."

Another suggestion, "Make an impenetrable line with Gold Medal Flour wherever ants are giving you trouble. Ants will not cross the tough flour."





Shanghai cuisine is a hot pot of culinary influences

Like the city, the cuisine continues to grow and develop through interactions with cooking traditions from all over the globe



PORK Roll



MEATBALLS Shanghai Style

Authentic

New addition





TUNG Po Pork









COUNTRY COOKING
Micky Fenix

The next generation

Incorporated





Son and daughter

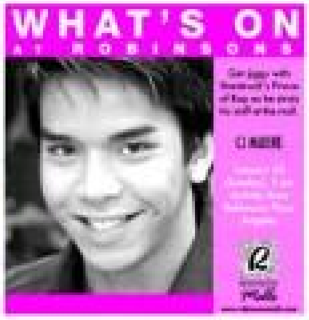


ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde







CLOCKWISE, from top left: "Dreamgirls," "Babel," "The Departed," "Little Miss Sunshine." Below from museum: "Iwo Jima," "The Queen."

'Dreamgirls' tops Oscar bets with 8 nods

But it is surprisingly shut out of Best Picture race

BEVERLY HILLS, California — The crowd-pleasing musical "Dreamgirls" led Academy Awards contenders Tuesday with eight nominations, but surprisingly was shut out in the Best Picture category after being considered a presumed front-runner.

The sweeping multi-cultural ensemble drama "Babel" was close behind with seven, including Best Picture and acting honors for two newcomers to United States audiences, Mexico's Adriana Barraza and Japan's Rinko Kikuchi.

Crime, war, crisis

Other Best Picture nominees were the bloody crime saga "The Departed," the World War II epic "Letters From Iwo Jima," the road trip comedy "Little Miss Sunshine" and the monarchy-in-crisis chronicle "The Queen."

Going into nominations day, the Best Picture competition looked unusually wide open, with no consensus on a favorite. With "Dreamgirls," a Golden Globe winner out of the race, the Best Picture competition was even more up for grabs.

But front-runners in all four acting categories nabbed nominations and seem poised to come home with Oscars on Feb. 25: Britain's Helen Mirren for Best Actress as British monarch Elizabeth II in "The Queen"; Forest Whitaker for Best Actor as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland"; and Eddie Murphy and former "American Idol" finalist Jennifer Hudson as soulful singers in "Dreamgirls."

New experience

All four preceded the Oscar nominations with wins at the Golden Globes.

Oscar attention is a new experience for Murphy, whose fast-talking persona has brought him devoted audiences but little awards acclaim in his 25-year career. For Hudson, the nomination caps a speedy rise to stardom with her first film role, just two years after making her name as a finalist on the hit TV singing competition "American Idol."

14th for Streep

The Best Actress category featured a 14th nomination for two-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep, padding her record as the most-nominated actor ever, this time as a devilishly demanding boss in "The Devil Wears Prada."

Joining Mirren and Streep as Best Actress nominees were Spain's Penelope Cruz as a woman dealing with bizarre domestic crises in "Volver"; Judi Dench as a scheming teacher in "Notes on a Scandal" and Kate Winslet as a woman in an affair with a neighbor in "Little Children."

Other Best Actor nominees were Leonardo DiCaprio as a mercenary hunting a rare gem in "Blood Diamond"; Ryan Gosling as a teacher with a drug addiction in "Half Nelson"; Peter O'Toole as a lecherous old actor in "Venus"; and Will Smith as a homeless dad in "The Pursuit of Happyness."

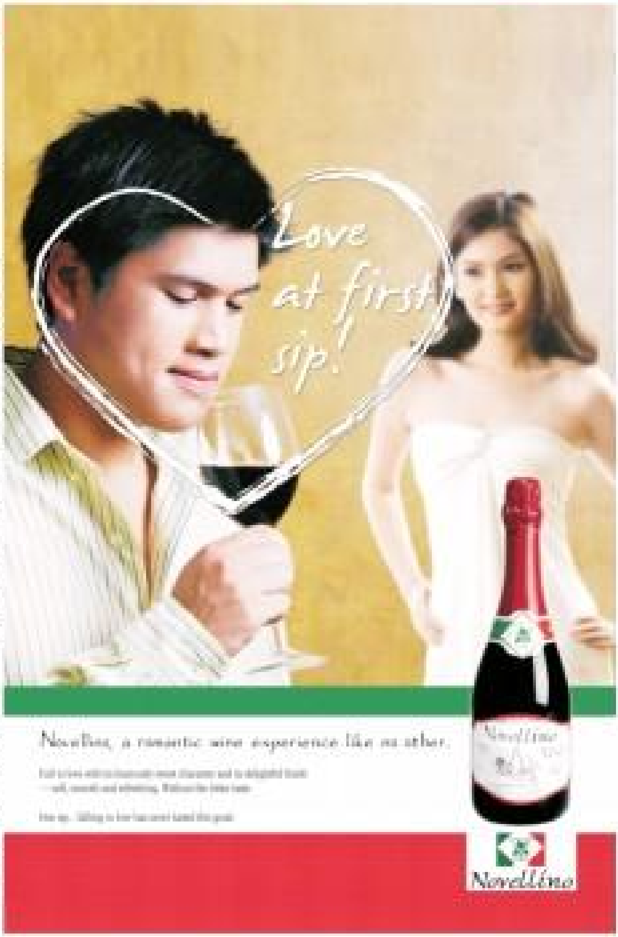
Early favorites

Whitaker is expected to come away with the Best Actor award, though sentiment is high for the Irish-born O'Toole, who has been nominated seven times, losing each. An eighth loss for O'Toole, who nearly turned down an honorary Oscar three years ago because he hoped to earn one outright, would put him in the record books as the actor with the most nominations without winning.

The finally may be the year for another perennial loser, Scorsese, who is tied with four other directors for the Oscar futility record of five nominations and five losses.

"The Departed" marks Scorsese

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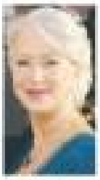
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HELEN MIRREN



MERYL STREEP

Oscar bets named

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[illegible] return to the cops-and-mobsters genre he mastered in decades past and a [illegible] for best [illegible] finally win an Oscar, though a [illegible] would put him alone in the record book as the biggest [illegible] directors ever. AP

The list

The major nominations, announced Tuesday at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Beverly Hills, California:

BEST PICTURE: "Babel," "The Departed," "Letters From Iwo Jima," "Little Miss Sunshine," "The Queen."

ACTOR: Leonardo DiCaprio, "Blood Diamond"; Ryan Gosling, "Half Nelson"; Peter O'Toole, "Venus"; Will Smith, "The Pursuit of Happyness"; Forest Whitaker, "The Last King of Scotland."

ACTRESS: Penelope Cruz, "Volver"; Judi Dench, "Notes on a Scandal"; Helen Mirren, "The Queen"; Meryl Streep, "The Devil Wears Prada"; Kate Winslet, "Little Children."

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Alan Arkin, "Little Miss Sunshine"; Jackie Earle Haley, "Little Children"; Djimon Hounsou, "Blood Diamond"; Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls"; Mark Wahlberg, "The Departed."

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Adriana Barraza, "Babel"; Cate Blanchett, "Notes on a Scandal"; Abigail Breslin, "Little Miss Sunshine"; Jennifer Hudson, "Dreamgirls"; Rinko Kikuchi, "Babel."

DIRECTOR: Alejandro González Iñárritu, "Babel"; Martin Scorsese, "The Departed"; Clint Eastwood, "Letters From Iwo Jima"; Stephen Frears, "The Queen"; Paul Greengrass, "United 93."

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM: "After the Wedding," Denmark; "Days of Glory (Indigenes)," Algeria; "The Lives of Others," Germany; "Pan's Labyrinth," Mexico; "Water," Canada. AP

Almost lost in translation at Il Divo concert

By Pocholo Concepcion

Contributor

REVIEW

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Handsome chaps

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But are they good?

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DAVID Miller, Carlos Marin, Sebastien Izambard and Urs Buhler [illegible] in a file photo.

Feel-good groove

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Unabashed devotion

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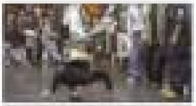
ANTHONY Hopkins: "I want to poke people, not to cause pain, but just to wake them up."

At 69, Anthony Hopkins still feels like a 'rebel'

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His way

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Box office top ten

Domestic revenues, Jan. 19-21

Rank • Film • Weekend gross (millions)	
1. Stomp the Yard	$12.2
2. Night at the Museum	$12.0
3. Dreamgirls	$8.0
4. The Hitcher	$7.8
5. The Pursuit of Happyness	$6.3
6. Freedom Writers	$5.2
7. Pan's Labyrinth	$4.8
8. Children of Men	$3.7
9. The Queen	$3.4
10. Arthur and the Invisibles	$3.1

SOURCE: Media By Numbers, LLC AP

Sterling graduates of local movies' 'Nakuba sa Tiyaga' school of acting

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Nestor U. Torre

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Wising up

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FROM celeb spot to disco and now hip-hop and salsa club—The Copa, left, is not closing, says current owner. [illegible]

Copacabana looking for new home

NEW YORK—[illegible]

Money to spend

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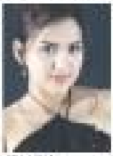
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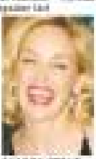
KATRINA HALILI

Katrina Halili: Do you think I'm sexy?



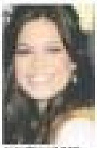
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Polishing her English



SHARON STONE

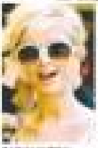
Struggle with depression



MANDY MOORE

Worst of the worst

Paris on probation



PARIS HILTON

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At odds with gays

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